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Deep Space Quantum Optics

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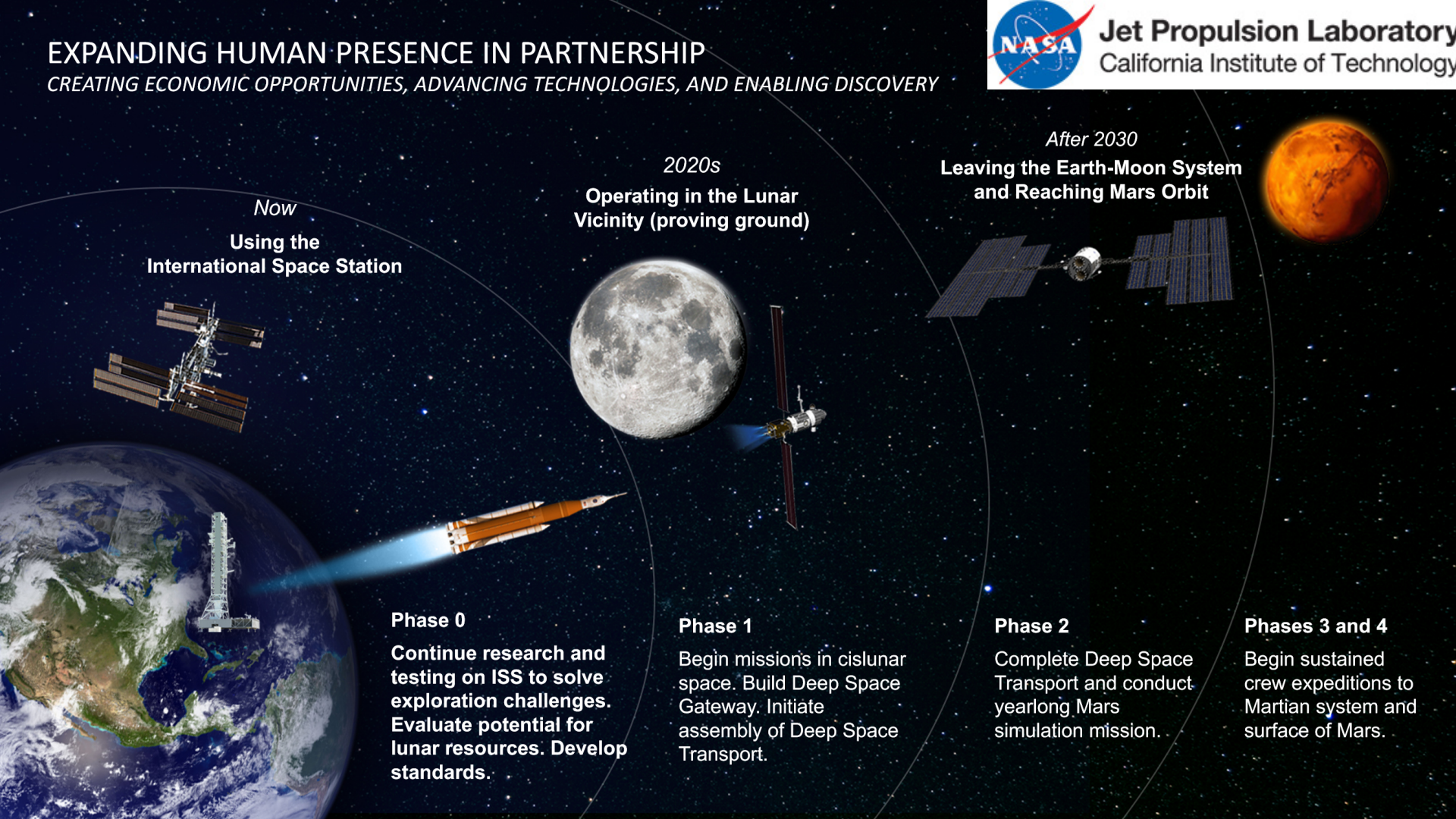
- **Summary of the LOP-G Mission**
- **Quantum Optics and General Relativity science goals enabled by LOP-G**
- **System model for Deep Space Quantum Optical Links**

EXPANDING HUMAN PRESENCE IN PARTNERSHIP

CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, ADVANCING TECHNOLOGIES, AND ENABLING DISCOVERY



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Now
Using the
International Space Station

2020s
Operating in the Lunar
Vicinity (proving ground)

After 2030
Leaving the Earth-Moon System
and Reaching Mars Orbit

Phase 0
Continue research and testing on ISS to solve exploration challenges. Evaluate potential for lunar resources. Develop standards.

Phase 1
Begin missions in cislunar space. Build Deep Space Gateway. Initiate assembly of Deep Space Transport.

Phase 2
Complete Deep Space Transport and conduct yearlong Mars simulation mission.



















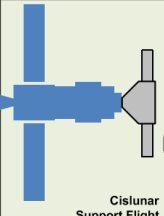
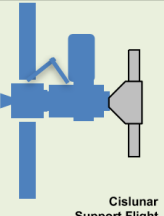
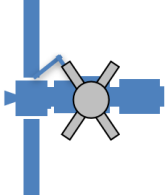
Phases 3 and 4
Begin sustained crew expeditions to Martian system and surface of Mars.

Phase 1 Plan

Establishing deep-space leadership and preparing for Deep Space Transport development



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		Deep Space Gateway Buildup			
EM-1	Europa Clipper	EM-2	EM-3	EM-4	EM-5
2019 - 2025					2026
SLS Block 1 Crew: 0 	SLS Block 1B Cargo  Europa Clipper (subject to approval) 	SLS Block 1B Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 8-9T  40kW Power/Prop Bus 	SLS Block 1B Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 10mT  Habitation 	SLS Block 1B Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 10mT  Logistics 	SLS Block 1B Crew: 4 CPL Capability: 10mT  Airlock 
Distant Retrograde Orbit (DRO) 26-40 days 	Jupiter Direct 	Multi-TLI Lunar Free Return 8-21 days 	Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit (NRHO) 16-26 days 	NRHO, w/ ability to translate to/from other cislunar orbits 26-42 days 	NRHO, w/ ability to translate to/from other cislunar orbits 26-42 days 
Gateway (blue) Configuration (Orion in grey)			 Cislunar Support Flight	 Cislunar Support Flight	

These essential Gateway elements can support multiple U.S. and international partner objectives in Phase 1 and beyond

Known Parameters:

- Gateway architecture supports Phase 2 and beyond activities
- International and U.S. commercial development of elements and systems
- Gateway will translate uncrewed between cislunar orbits
- Ability to support science objectives in cislunar space

Open Opportunities:

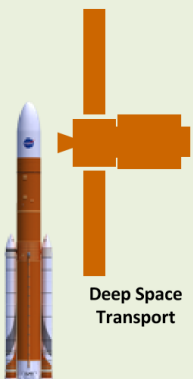
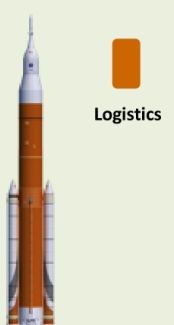




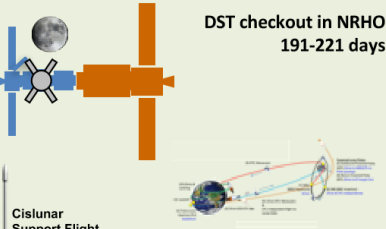


- Order of logistics flights and logistics providers
- Use of logistics modules for available volume
- Ability to support lunar surface missions

(PLANNING REFERENCE) Phase 2 and Phase 3

Looking ahead to the shakedown cruise and the first crewed missions to Mars



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Transport Delivery		Transport Shakedown		Mars Transit	
EM-6	EM-7	EM-8	EM-9	EM-10	EM-11
2027		2028 / 2029		2030+	
<p>SLS Block 1B Cargo P/L Capability: 41t TLI</p>  <p>Deep Space Transport</p>	<p>SLS Block 1B Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 10t</p>  <p>Logistics</p>	<p>SLS Block 1B Cargo P/L Capability: 41t TLI</p>  <p>DST Logistics & Refueling</p>	<p>SLS Block 2 Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 13+t</p>  <p>Logistics</p>	<p>SLS Block 2 Cargo P/L Capability: 45t TLI</p>  <p>DST Logistics & Refueling</p>	<p>SLS Block 2 Crew: 4 CMP Capability: 13+t</p>  <p>Logistics</p>
 <p>DST checkout in NRHO 191-221 days</p> <p>Cislunar Support Flight</p>		 <p>DSG: continued operations in cislunar space</p> <p>DST: shakedown in cislunar space with return to DSG in NRHO 300-400 days</p> <p>Cislunar Support Flight</p>		 <p>DSG: continued operations in cislunar space</p> <p>DST: Mars transit and return to DSG in NRHO</p> <p>Cislunar Support Flight</p>	

Reusable Deep Space Transport supports repeated crewed missions to the Mars vicinity

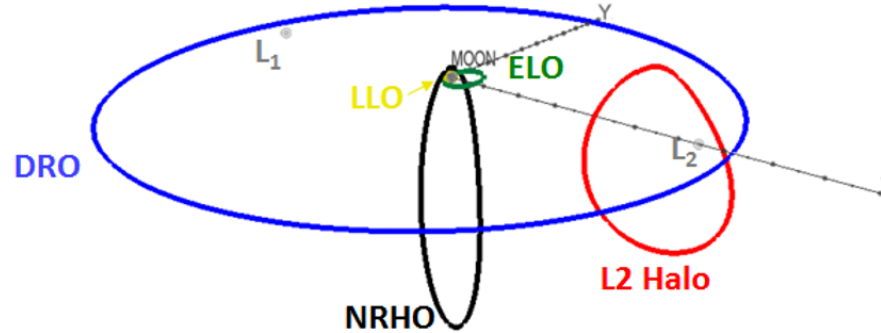
Known Parameters:






- DST launch on one SLS cargo flight
- DST shakedown cruise by 2029
- DST supported by a mix of logistics flights for both shakedown and transit
- Ability to support science objectives in cislunar space

Open Opportunities:

- Order of logistics flights and logistics providers
- Shakedown cruise vehicle configuration and destination/s
- Ability to support lunar surface missions

LOP-G Orbit Configurations



Orbit Type		Orbit Period	Lunar (or L-Point) Amplitude Range	Earth-Moon Orientation
Low Lunar Orbit (LLO)		~2 hrs	100 km	Any inclination
Elliptical Lunar Orbit (ELO)		~14 hrs	100 to 10,000 km	Equatorial
Near-Rectilinear Halo Orbit (NRHO)		6 to 8 days	2,000 to 75,000 km	Roughly Polar
Earth-Moon L_2 Halo		8 to 14 days	0 to 60,000 km (L_2)	Dependent on size
Distant Retrograde Orbit		~14 days	70,000 km	Equatorial

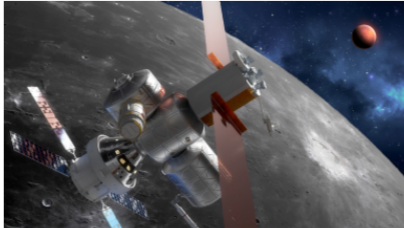
PPE Industry Study Selections



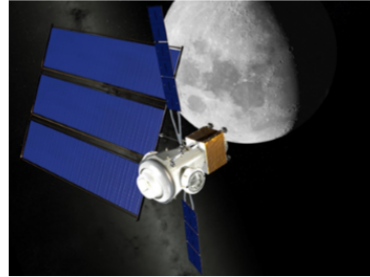
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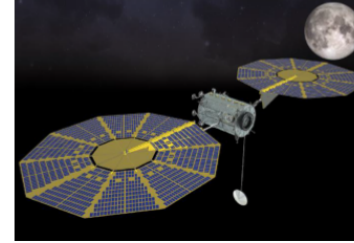
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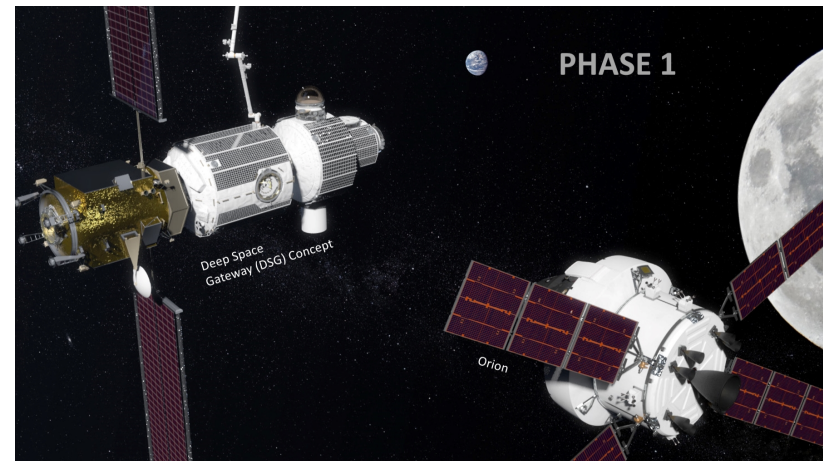
Programmatic Review of LOP-G



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- Proposed >\$800M in FY19 budget
 - ISS lifetime cost >\$100B
 - Recall “Constellation” mission from GWB era
- How much volume allocated for science?
- What is the balance between different scientific disciplines?
- What is the available spacecraft infrastructure?
- Could BFR developments change the phasing plan?
- When will the AO’s be released?
- First order evaluation of science proposals

Opportunity vs. Opportunistic



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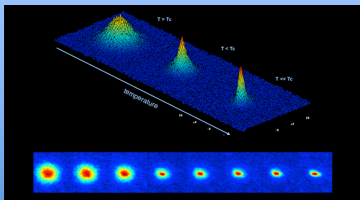
Scientists pitch for remote human lab

Momentum builds for a crewed outpost around the Moon.

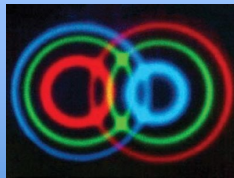
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Fundamental Physics Exploration Enabled by Quantum Optics

Quantum Theory explains “Atomic Scale” physics



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Quantum Entanglement:
Multiple particles,
one wavefunction

Recent experimental results prove quantum wavefunctions can extend 1000+ km

Testing the Bell inequality on frequency-bin entangled photon pairs using time-resolved detection

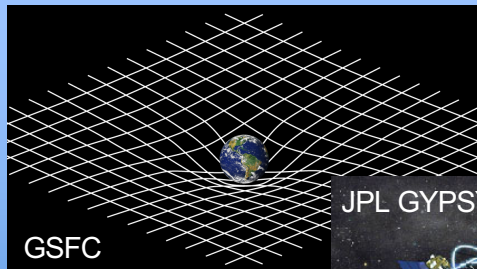
XIANDIN GUO, YEFENG MEI, AND SHENGWANG DU*

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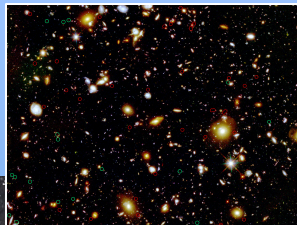
Satellite-based entanglement distribution over 1200 kilometers

Juan Yin,^{1,2} Yuan Cao,^{1,2} Yu-Huai Li,^{1,2} Sheng-Kai Liao,^{1,2} Liang Zhang,^{2,3}

Classical Physics/General Relativity explains “Large Scale” physics



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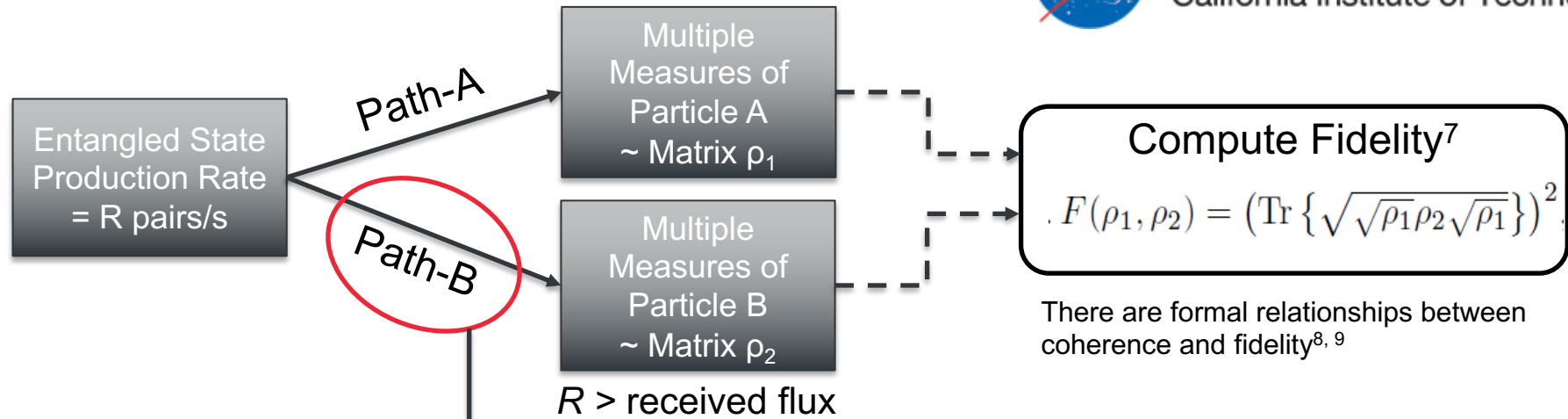
Open Questions in Science:

- Does propagation through a changing gravitational potential result in a measurable change to an entangled quantum state?
- If a change in the quantum state is measured, what does that tell us about spacetime?

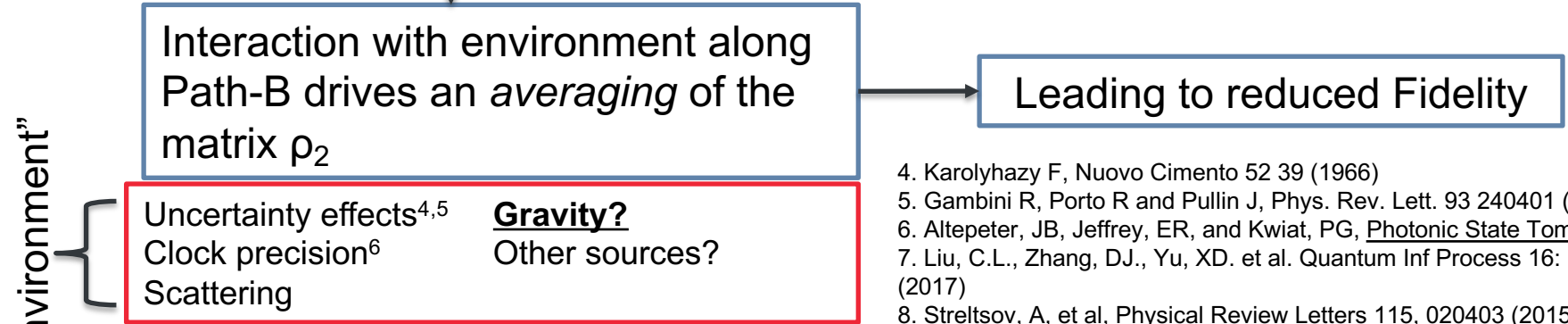
Space QUEST mission proposal: Experimentally testing decoherence due to gravity

ISS Mission proposal (arXiv:1703.08036v2 [quant-ph] 26 Apr 2017)

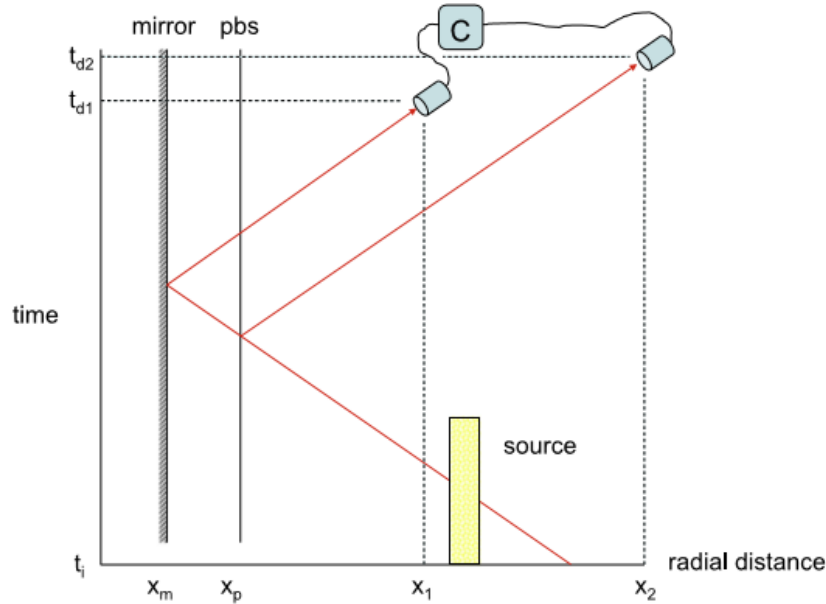
Quantum Fidelity and Coherence



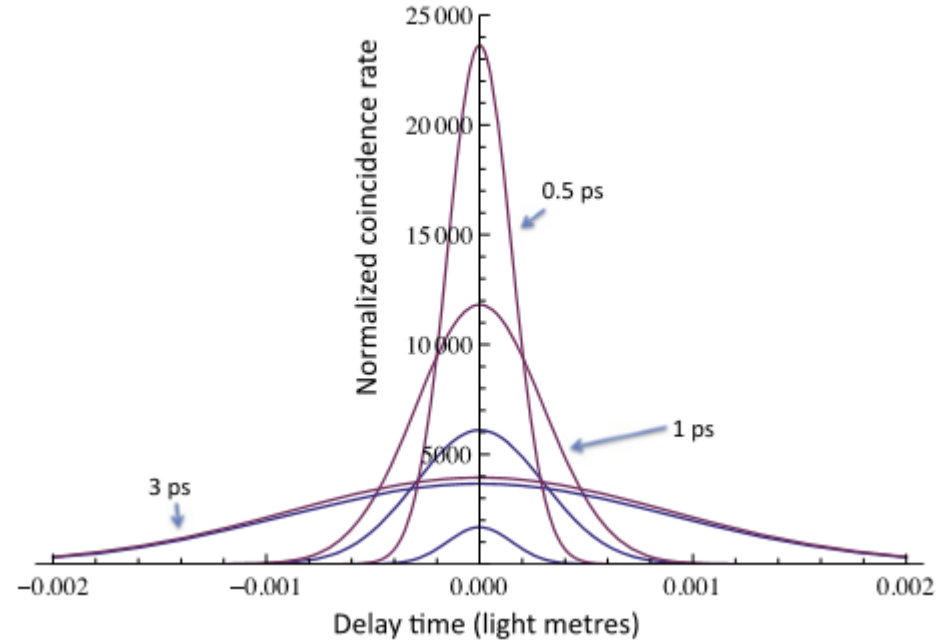
There are formal relationships between coherence and fidelity^{8, 9}



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Space and time like separated detectors collect entangled particles. The detectors are at different **Gravitational Potential Energies**.



Could there be a measurable de-coherence of the correlation (C) between the two detectors?

Models for Gravity-Induced Quantum Decoherence



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Propagate using Hamiltonian containing gravitational and vacuum interactions; treat as linearized perturbations from weak gravitational fields and relative velocity $\ll c$

$$\rho_t(p, p') = \exp \left[-\frac{i}{2m_R} (p^2 - p'^2)t - \frac{4\pi G\Theta}{9m_R^2} (p^2 - p'^2)^2 t \right] \rho_0(p, p')$$

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Θ : “textures of spacetime”⁹

The underlying configuration of spacetime – has **not** been measured

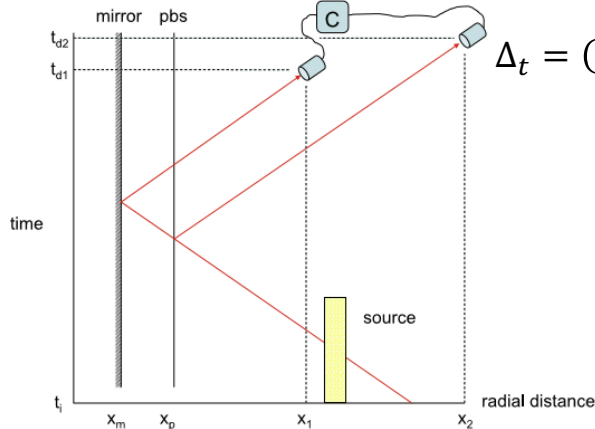
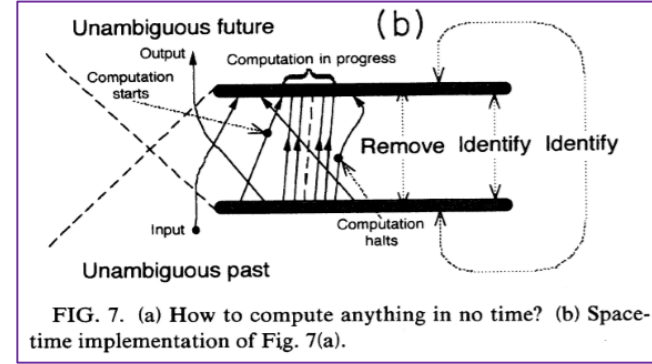
$\Theta: 0 \rightarrow$ no decoherence due to gravity; “Minkowski spacetime is the ground state of quantum gravity”

$\Theta > 0 \rightarrow$ “Gravity is a hydrodynamic theory”, coarse-grained structure of arbitrary length scale may exist in spacetime

Models for Gravity-Induced Decoherence



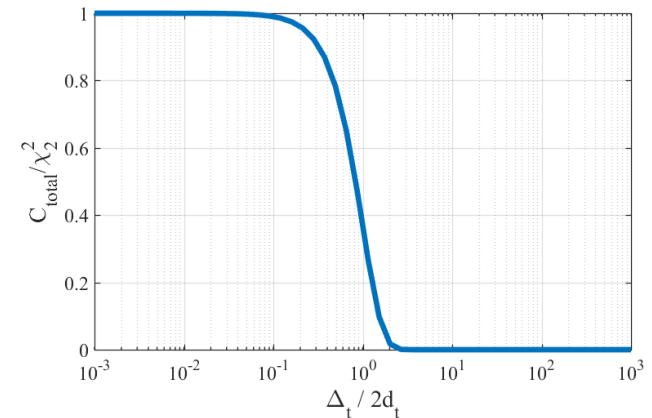
- Deutsch's theory¹⁰: curved spacetime may contain closed time like lines
 - A particle can interact with a future version of itself
- Ralph and Pienaar developed framework to measure resultant decoherence sending entangled light 'along the well' in the Schwarzschild metric¹¹



$$\Delta_t = (t_{d1} - t_{d2}) + (\tau_2 - \tau_1) \approx M \ln(x_1/x_2)$$

$$\tau(t, t_d) = \int_t^{t_d} ds$$

$$C_{\text{total}} = |\chi_2|^2 e^{-\frac{\Delta_t^2}{2d_t^2}}$$



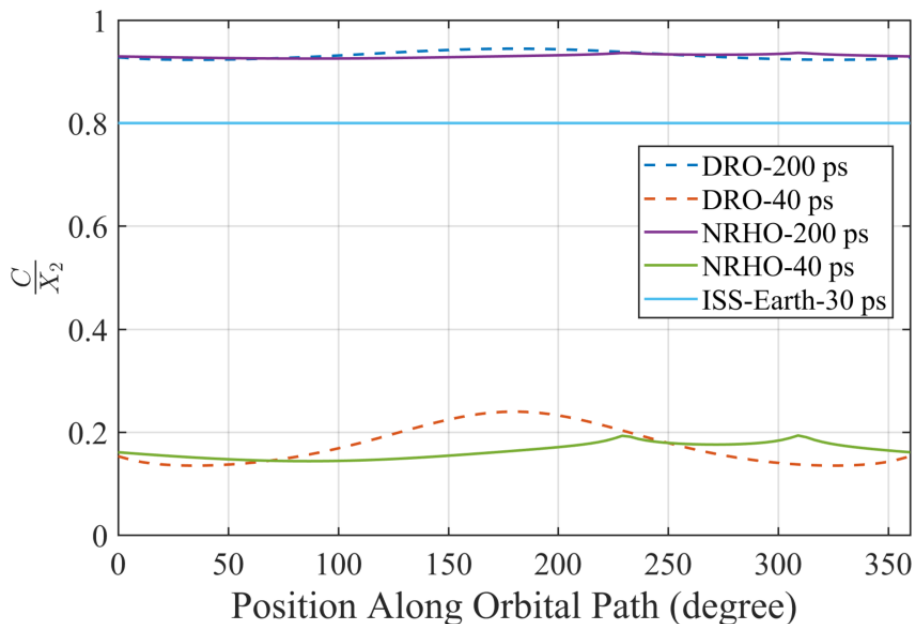
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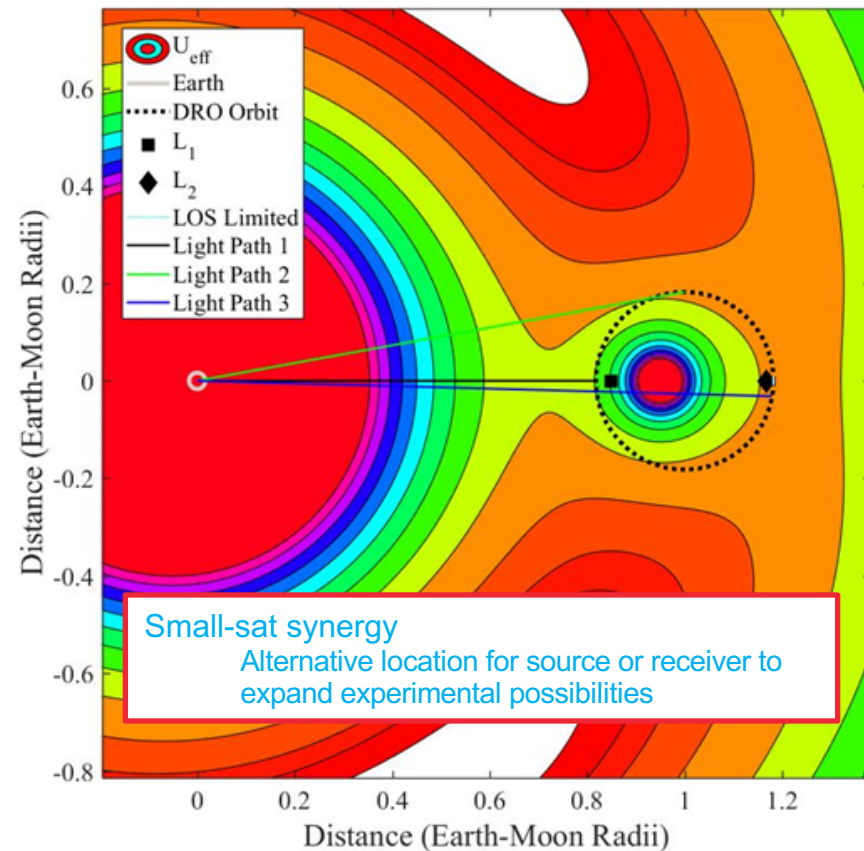
Transitioning from point-like Earth to the N-Body system

First Order Evaluation:

- Linear sum of point-like sources (Earth-Sun-Moon-Jupiter)
- Flying qubit is in its own inertial frame
- An independent test of the Equivalence Principle



Open question: how do points of inflection in the field line of sight affect the mechanism of decoherence?



N-Body System



Next Order Evaluation:

- Rework integration outside of “event formalism” symmetric-shell framework
- N-body numerical solution will have off-diagonal terms
- Potential to test alternative gravity theories
 - Replace earth Schwarzschild radius with n-body effective Schwarzschild radius per PPN¹²

$$\tau(t, t_d) = \int_t^{t_d} ds \quad ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu,$$

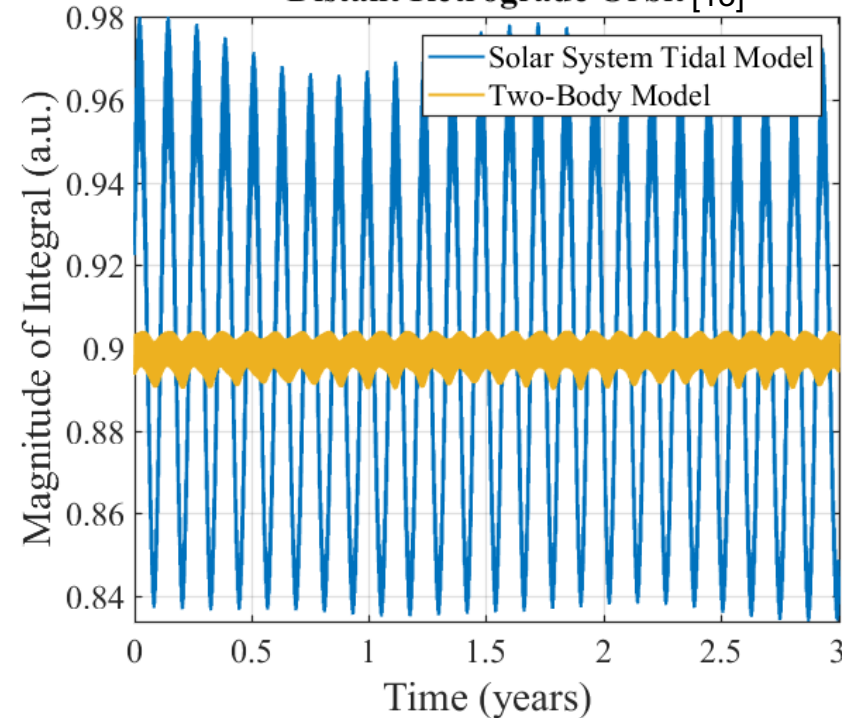
$$g_{00} = 1 - 2\alpha \sum_i \frac{m_i}{|r-r_i|} + 2\beta \left(\sum_i \frac{m_i}{|r-r_i|} \right)^2 + 2\alpha' \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_i}{|r-r_i|} \frac{m_j}{|r_i-r_j|}$$

$$+ \frac{\chi}{c^2} \sum_i \frac{m_i (r-r_i) \cdot a_i}{|r-r_i|} - \frac{4\alpha''}{c^2} \sum_i \frac{m_i v_i^2}{|r-r_i|} + \frac{\alpha'''}{c^2} \sum_i \frac{m_i \{(r-r_i) \cdot v_i\}^2}{|r-r_i|^3}$$

$$g_{0k} = \frac{4\Delta}{c} \sum_i \frac{m_i (v_i)_k}{|r-r_i|} + \frac{4\Delta'}{c} \sum_i \frac{m_i \{(r-r_i) \cdot v_i\} (r-r_i)_k}{|r-r_i|^3}$$

$$g_{kl} = - \left(1 + 2\gamma \sum_i \frac{m_i}{|r-r_i|} \right) \delta_{kl},$$

Distant Retrograde Orbit [13]



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- Place empirical bound on superluminality
 - LOP-G to Earth link can expand bound from $\sim 10^6$ to 10^{12}
- Test of strong form equivalence principle
 - Preferred orbits of LOP-G exhibit large modulation in angular momentum and gravitational potential energy
- Long range Bell test
 - Eliminate causality loophole in testing
- Probe coupling between gravity and quantum states
 - Test beyond “turning point” from 1-body to N-body spacetime
 - Does spacetime “texture” have sign?
- Crew Interactions
 - Eliminate freedom of choice loophole

System Model for deep space quantum optics



$$N_r = N_t (\eta_t \eta_r \eta_L \eta_D) \cdot \left(S_{\sigma_X^2} \cdot S_{TB} \cdot S_{Turr} \cdot S_{ext} \cdot S_{BQ} \cdot S_{res.Jit} \cdot S_{HO} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta F}{\Delta f} \cdot \frac{T}{\omega_r \sigma_y(T)} \right) \cdot (\eta_{eve})$$

Basic Link Budget ^[14]

- N_r : # Counts/Pulse received
- N_t : # Photons/Pulse at source
- η_t : transmitter gain
- η_r : receiver gain
- η_L : diffraction loss
- η_D : detector efficiency

Strehl Efficiencies ^[14]

- $S_{\sigma_X^2}$: Propagation turbulence $\sim \exp(-\text{Rytov}^2)$
- S_{TB} : Thermal Blooming ~ 1 (<1 for use of bright beacons)
- S_{Turr} : Shear flow around aperture ~ 1 (<1 for airborne)
- S_{ext} : Atmospheric losses $\sim \exp(-\alpha L)$
- S_{BQ} : Loss due to imperfect Beam Quality $\sim \text{BQ}^{-1}$
- $S_{res.jit}$: Pointing jitter of transmitter $\sim [1 + \pi/2 (\sigma_{jit}/\phi_{DL})^2]$
- S_{HO} : Finite A.O. loop bandwidth $\sim \exp(-(f_g/f_{AO})^5)$

Amount of signal dedicated to circumventing eavesdroppers

Frequency and Time Filtering Efficiencies

- $\Delta F/\Delta f$: ratio of Rx filter bandwidth to spectral bandwidth of entangled photons
- Product of repetition frequency and Alan variance @ T must be less than T to maintain time synchronization

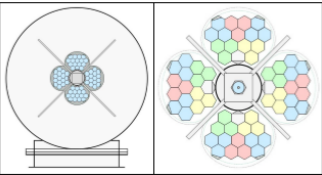
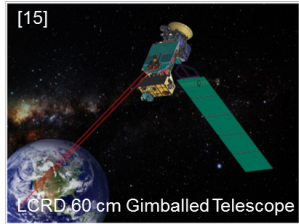
$$N_{noise} = \left(\frac{W \Delta F}{E_{photon} A_{rx}} \frac{\lambda^2}{\Delta f} + N_t \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta f} \cdot ER + T \cdot N_{dark} \right)$$

Noise Flux

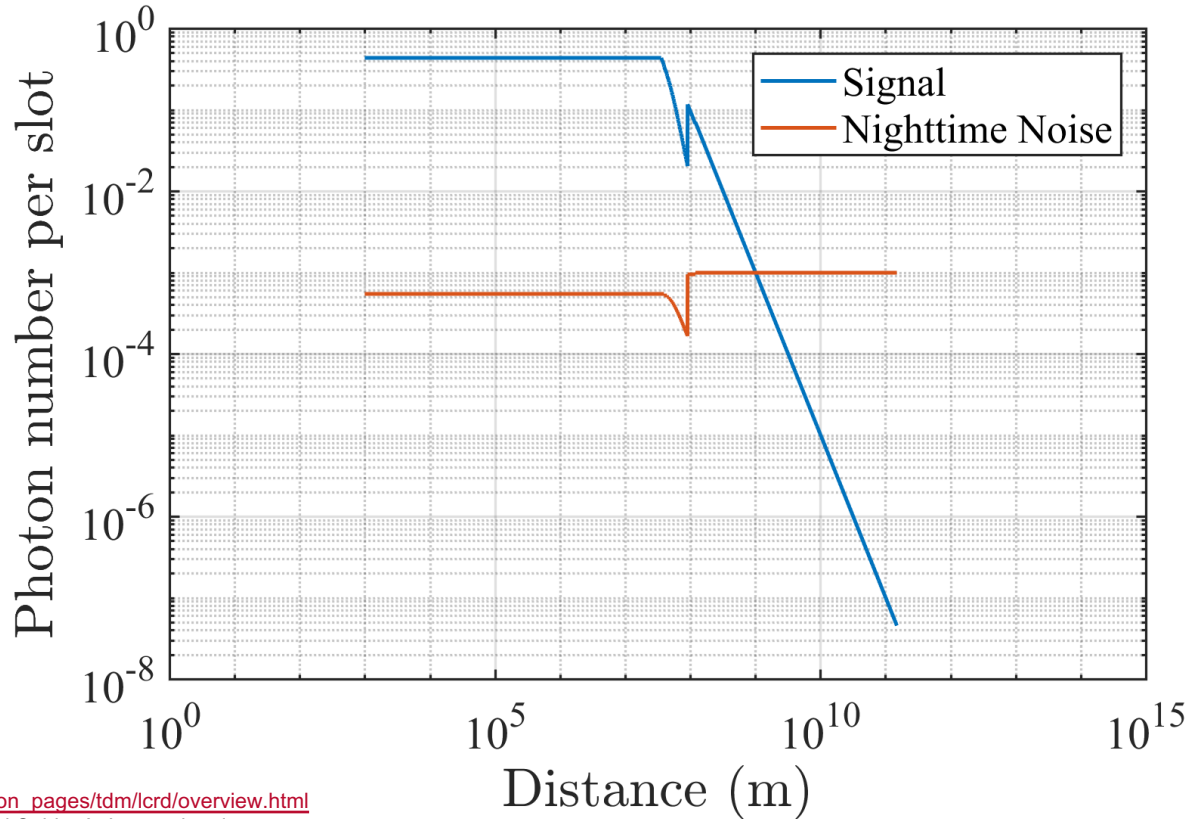
- W : background radiance
- E_{photon} : energy per photon
- A_{rx} : physical area of receiver aperture
- ER : source extinction ratio
- N_{dark} : dark count rate of

Proposed and planned work on small-satellite quantum communication will improve many of these parameters

Basic Link Budget: Maximum Distance for Repeater-Free Quantum Communication to Earth



[16]: JPL large area ground receivers for deep space optical communication



Noise dominates signal at 0.01 AU distance

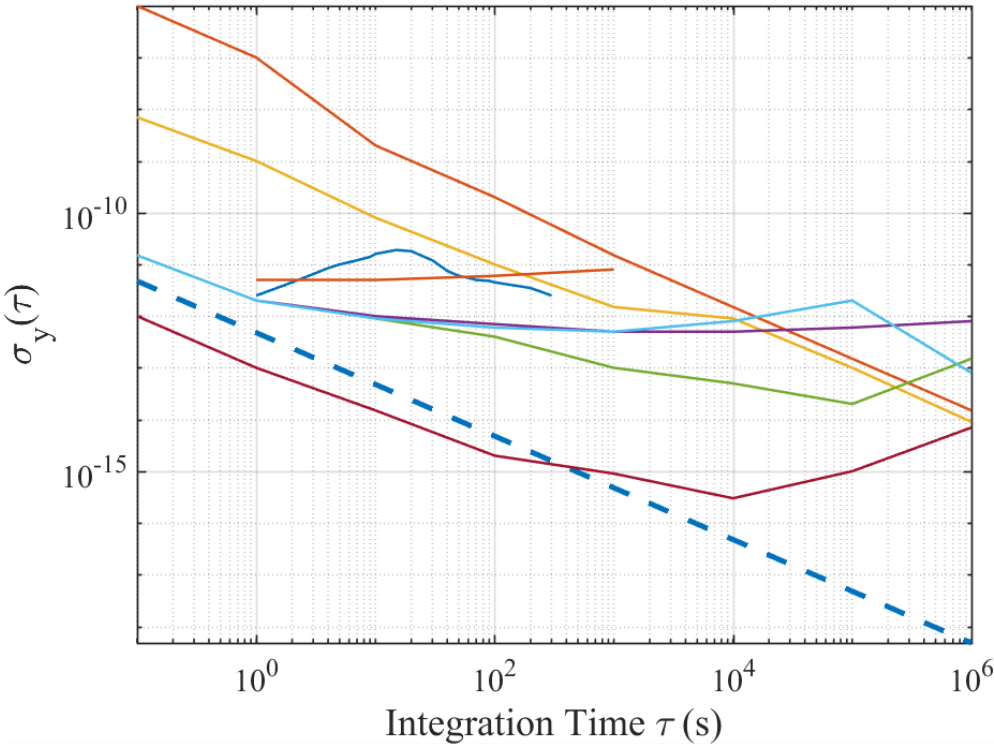
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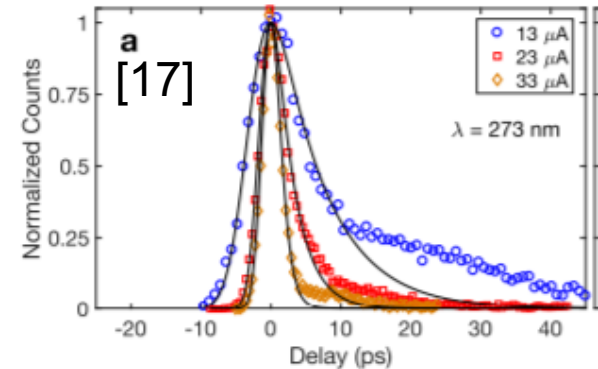
Time and Frequency Filtering



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To take advantage of state of the art detectors, precision timing is required to synchronize transmitter and receivers. TWTT or other protocols may be used.



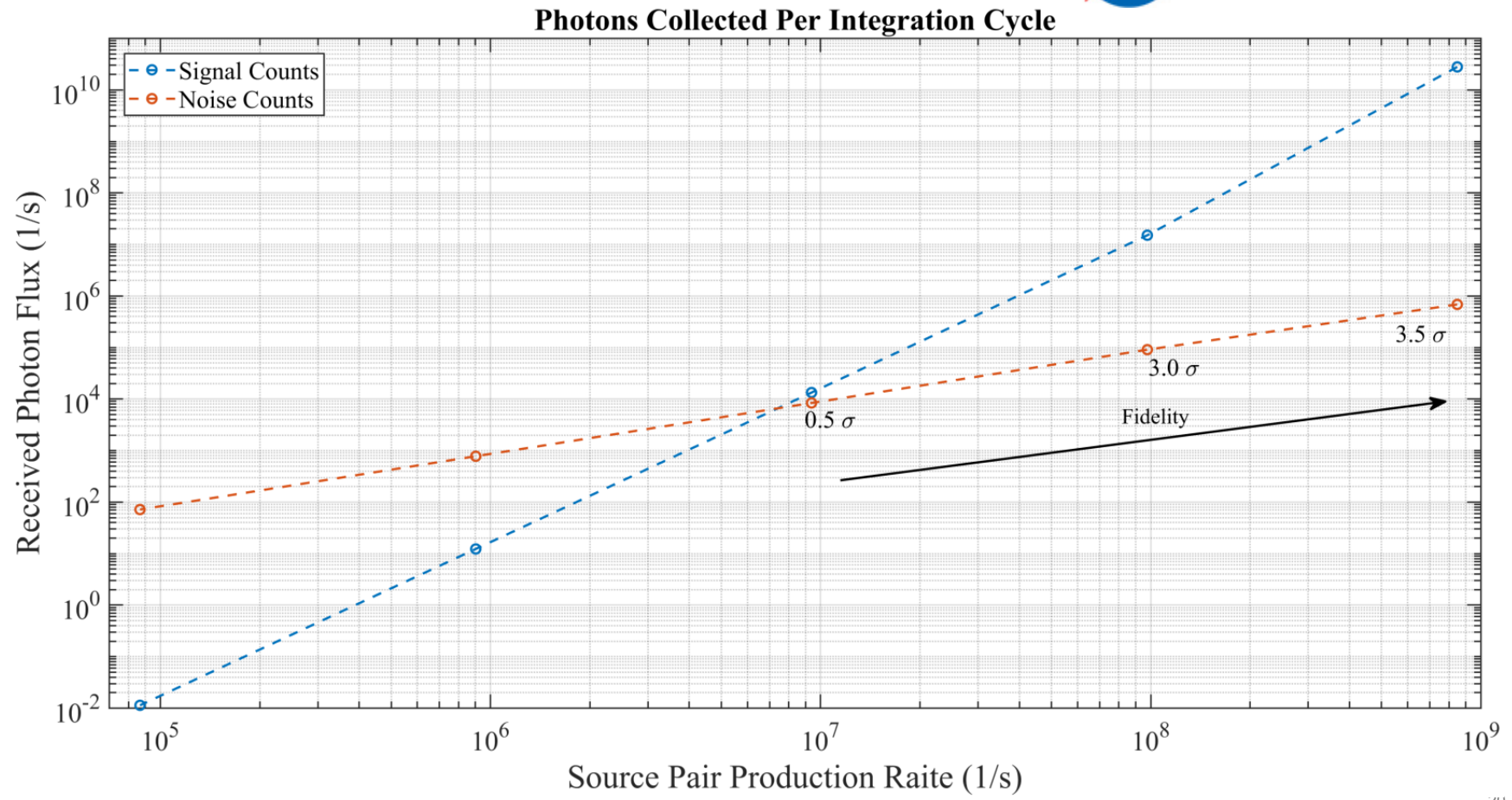
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Frequency and Bandwidth
Constraints

$$\Delta F / \Delta f \leq 1$$

$$2\Delta f \leq f_{\text{rep}}$$

Parametric Performance Simulation



Deep Space Quantum Link

- We do not know if quantum coherence is coupled to gravity
- We do not know if there is fine structure or texture in curved spacetime
- We do not know if time forms closed loops in the presence of mass
- We do not know if wavefunction collapse is 'faster' than 10^6 x speed of light [19]
- **Addressing these questions experimentally will open new doors for fundamental physics, and influence the practical design of planned quantum communication networks and satellite links**
- Earth-orbiting missions to distribute entangled photon pairs to two different gravitational potentials could validate existence of this type of coupling
- **Moon-orbiting missions will unambiguously determine the detailed nature of the coupling; test the equivalence principle; and potentially test alternative metric theories**



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Deep Space Quantum Link for the Lunar Orbiting Platform – Gateway

Response to NNH18-AES-GTU-RFI

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